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Academic Appointments

San Jose Sate University, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor 2013-Present

Emory University, Department of Political Science
Postdoctoral Fellow 2011-2013

Duke University, Department of Political Science
Searle Visiting Assistant Professor and Postdoctoral Fellow 2009-2011

University of Georgia, Department of Political Science
Temporary Instructor 2008-2009

Education

The University of Georgia, Ph.D. in Economics (2009)
Dissertation: "Congressional Politics and Income Redistribution."
Committee: Robert Grafstein, Keith Dougherty, Jamie L. Carson, and David B. Mustard
Areas: Econometrics, Political Economy, and Legislative Process

The University of Georgia, M.A. in Political Science (2007)
Thesis: "The Implications of Using Direct Democracy Models for Cases of Representative Democracy."
Committee: Robert Grafstein, Keith Dougherty, and Jamie L. Carson
Areas: Formal Theory, Congress and Political Methodology

The University of Georgia, B.B.A. in Economics (1999)

Publications

"Computational Social Choice.", in the Elgar Handbook of Social Choice and Voting, ed. Jac Heckelman and Nicholas Miller (Forthcoming)

"The Value of Formalism: Re-examining External Costs and Decision Costs with Multiple Groups." with Keith Doughety and Julian Edward. Forthcoming, Public Choice

"An Experimental Study of the Efficiency of Unanimity Rule and Majority Rule." with Keith Dougherty, Brian Pitts and Justin Moeller. March 2014 158:359-382, Public Choice

"Institutional Sources of Policy Bias: A Computational Investigation." October 2013 vol. 25 no. 4 467-491, Journal of Theoretical Politics

Manuscripts in Progress

"An Agent-Based Model of Entrepreneurship" with Matt Holian, (Revise and Resubmit)

"An expected utility analysis of the optimal k-majority rule." with Keith Dougherty, (Under Review)

"Organized Opposition: The Anti-Federalist Political Network." with Michael Faber.

"The Implications of Inherited Status Quos for the Party Cartel Model of Congress." Under Review

"Centripetal and Centrifugal Electoral Incentives in Multidimensional Policy Spaces"

"The Pareto Properties of Legislative Systems."

Software in Progress

"voteR" A software package for the R statistical language. It is a set of tools for the creation and analysis of multi-dimensional spatial voting models.

"electoR" A software package for the R statistical language. The creation and analysis of social choice rules and electoral models..

"legislatoR" A software package for the R statistical language. The creation and analysis of models legislative politics.

Research Interests

Social Choice, Computational Social Science, Public Choice, Political Economy, Public Economics.

Teaching Interests

Public economics, microeconomics, public choice, econometrics, new institutional economics and research design at both the graduate and undergraduate level.

Teaching Experience

A total of 25 courses taught.

Graduate: Microeconomic Theory, Computational Political Science.

Undergraduate: Public Economics, Political Institutions and Public Choice, Spontaneous Order in Politics and Economics, Economic and Political Liberty, American Values and Institutions, Conflict, Collusion, and Cooperation, Research Methods in Political Science, Introduction to Political Science, Contemporary Political Thought, and Principles of Microeconomics.

Winner of the 2006 Swift Award (UGA) - Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching

Formal Theory Training

Santa Fe Institute Summer Workshop in Computational Social Sciences (Summer 2007): Complex adaptive systems, agent based modeling, and complexity social science.

NSF's Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models V (Summer 2006): FITM, institutions and institutional

NSF's Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models V (Summer 2006). EITM, institutions and institutional analysis, empirical evaluation of causality, and complexity.

UGA's Political Science Department: Game theory, spatial voting models, and collective action theory.

UGA's Economics Department: Decision theory, social choice theory, cooperative and non-cooperative game theory. Comprehensive Exam in Microeconomic Theory (August 2004).

Empirical Methods Training

UGA's Political Science Department: Research design, statistics, ordinary least squares, maximum likelihood and limited dependent variable estimation.

UGA's Economics Department: Mathematical statistics, probability theory, cross sectional microeconometrics, panel data methods, limited dependent variable models, sample-selectivity, and failure time models. Field Exam in Econometrics (June 2006).

Presentations

"An Expected Utility Analysis of the Optimal K-majority Rule" with Keith L. Dougherty
Paper Presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago and the 2015 Public Choice Society Meeting in San Antonio.

"voteR: A software package for the R statistical language."
Paper Presented at the 2015 Public Choice Society Meeting in San Antonio.

"The Value of Formalism: Re-examining External Costs and Decision Costs with Multiple Groups." with Keith L. Dougherty and Julian Edward
Paper Presented at the 2013 Southern Economics Association Meeting in Tampa, FL, the West Virginia Department of Economics Seminar Series and at the 2014 Public Choice meeting in Charleston, SC.

"VoteR, electoR, and legislatoR packages for R. With an Application to the Pareto Properties of Legislative Systems."
Poster presented at the 2013 Conference in Honor of Norman Schofield at Wash- ington University, and at the 2013 Atlanta Workshop on Computational Social Science.

"An Institutional Theory of the Size of Government."
Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2011), Public Choice (2012), and APEE (2012).

"Organized Opposition: The Anti-Federalist Political Network." with Michael Faber. Poster presented at the Political Networks Conference (2010), and paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2011).
*Winner of the 2010 Political Networks Conference Poster Award

"The Implications of Shared Group Preferences for the Stability of Policy Choice." with Aaron Houck. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association (2011).

"An Embarrassment of Riches: Parameter Choice in Agent-Based Models." Paper presented at the Political Methodology Conference (2010)

"The Implications of Inherited Status Quos for the Party Cartel Model of Congress." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2010), and at the Southern Political Science Association (2011).

"An Experimental Study of the Efficiency of Unanimity Rule and Majority Rule." with Keith Dougherty, Brian Pitts and Justin Moeller. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2009) and Public Choice (2012).

"Growing Conditional Party Government in an Agent Based Model of Congress." with Gregory Robinson. Paper Presented at American Political Science Association Meeting (2009), Midwest Political Science Association (2008), and at the Southern Political Science Association (2008).

"Proportional Allocation versus Winner-Take-All in Presidential Primaries: A Computational Investigation."
Poster Presented at the American Political Science Association (2008)

Poster Presented at the American Political Science Association (2008).

"The Complexity of Presidential Primaries." with Paul Gurian. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2008).

"A Congressional Politics Theory of the Size of Government." Paper Presented at Binghamton University Department of Political Science (2008), Southern Political Science Association (2008), and Midwest Political Science Association (2007).

"The Implications of Using Direct Democracy Models for Cases of Representative Democracy." Poster Presented at Political Methodology Conference (2008) and Midwest Political Science Association (2007).

"Congress, Complexity, and Redistribution." Paper Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2007).

Thesis Advising

Masters Thesis Committee Member for Quay Barnett (completed 2010 at Duke University)

Honors and Awards

2014 Winner of the David Saurman Most Valuable Player Award for Faculty in the Department of Eco- nomics.
2010 Winner of the 2010 Political Networks Conference Poster Award
2005-2008 H.B. Earhart Foundation Fellowship
2007 Department of Economics Travel Stipend American Political Science Association Meeting
2007 National Science Foundation EITM Travel Stipend Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
2006 Swift Award - Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching in Economics
2005-2006 President - Omicron Delta Epsilon (Graduate Economics Honor Society)

Professional Activities

Professional Conference Activities:

2011 American Political Science Association Meeting. Panel Chair and Discussant
2011 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Panel and Methods Poster Section Discussant
2010 American Political Science Association Meeting. Discussant
2010 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Discussant
2009 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Panel Chair and Discussant
2006 Southern Political Science Association Meeting. Panel Chair

Manuscript Reviewer:

Journal of Theoretical Politics
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Public Choice
Journal of Experimental Political Science
Party Politics

Professional Memberships

2011 - Current: The Public Choice Society
2005 - Current: American Political Science Association Member of Political Methodology, Legislative Studies and Political Economy sections.
2005 - Current: Southern Political Science Association
2006 - Current: Midwestern Political Science Association

References

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